

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 12:00 PM

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin
Third Floor Conference Room

Present: Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Greg Ryan, Ted Vallis, Jennifer Lehrke, John Hill, Mark Pawasarat, David Kuckuk, Vickie Hall, Kevin Matichek, Chad Pelishek, Aaron Brault, and Pete Pittner

Excused: Amy Peterson, Aaron Brault, Kevin Struck, Tom Holtan and Laura Gumm,

Citizen Observers: Mike Moengenburg, Damien Nevers, and Pete Flaner

Vice Chairperson Matichek called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Jan. 10, 2013 minutes were approved.

***City's Energy Baseline Resolution** – The question still remains whether the resolution, which Ald. Versey finalized went to the Council for approval. It was suggested that this resolution might have more support and effect, if it was presented to city department heads at a joint meeting first to get their input appropriate to what has been done and what is possible, given energy issues in certain city buildings. The energy focus group will pursue once again how this resolution can be modified and presented, as well as is there any life left in the solar energy proposal? **Solar Energy Proposal from Arch Electric** – This proposal was filed by Finance Committee because the 10 year payback period was too long and the city didn't have \$5,000 for the preliminary study. The Task Force expressed disappointment and frustration at the committee's short-sightedness and questioned why Finance did not summon any of the presenters to their committee meeting.

FOCUS GROUP REPORTS:

Energy (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, Mark Pawasarat, Scott Versey, and Kevin Matichek) – Mark Pawasarat mentioned that the city has purchased 2 multi-fuel vehicles and is considering compressed gas garbage trucks. There is also a possibility of using dried methane from the water treatment plant to fuel vehicles. WP&S is considering funding the infrastructure needed at Public Works to convert to compressed gas.

Water & Natural Resources (Scott Hanson, Vickie Hall, and Pete Pittner) – Pete Pittner stated that the idea of public gardens along the railroad trail is still being considered. Aaron Brault said a community landscaper will look into this if the bids that go out on April 9, 2013 for a number of non-motorized projects come in under budget. Should that happen, many projects will start this summer. Scott Hanson and Greg Ryan did more research on Garbage Amnesty and the biggest concern is paying for the dumpsters. Gateway and Erie Hill will start to organize this spring. John Roenitz of Advanced Disposal (Veolia) has offered dumpsters at 25% normal rate for a Garbage Amnesty project. Greg and Ryan will get rates for dumpsters and connect with neighborhood groups. Sheboygan County Clean Sweep dates are April 6 – Plymouth and May 10-11 Sheboygan.

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Kevin Struck and David Kuckuk) – Aaron Brault reported that the Maximum Parking Ordinance is at an impasse with no support coming from businesses who have spoken up.

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, John Hill and Jeanne Kliejunas) – Jeanne Kliejunas reported that SSTF has a facebook page which is *The Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force*. The committee will develop this more and encourages everyone to post information at this site. There are small environmental grants (\$500-\$2,500) available from Walmart, and the Task Force suggested that the grant help fund dumpsters for Garbage Amnesty or for setting up an SSTF website. Jeanne will get the grant info to Chad who can apply through his city department. Dave Kuckuk mentioned that Sheboygan is a "Bird City of Wisconsin." Dave was asked to bring in the criteria for how we qualify for bird and tree city.

Next meeting – May 9, 2013 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary